

September 5, 2021

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



To Live the Great Commandment: Love of God and Love of Neighbor

Fr. John Gathenya

Dear Families and "Back-to-School" Students,

With each new school year comes the excitement and anticipation of a new beginning, a new journey, a new chapter. It's hard to believe that it's time to start a new school year! For some, summer might have been too short, especially the school-aged children who are already mournful about the end of summer, heading back to the hallways for a new school year. What about the parents? Celebratory mood or sad to see the vacation end? As we begin the new school year, it is also a time to pause for a moment and ask for God's blessings upon our students, teachers, and families. As your pastor I am grateful to all our students especially for those who gracing our Sunday's worship with their presence! You always make us proud when you join in the Celebration of the Eucharist. To all who are beginning school for the first time; to all who are promoted to the next grade or next level in college; to all our seniors in high school and colleges, and all those who are joining college this fall (freshmen), we wish you God blessing as you begin the school year and we promise to keep you in our prayers and thought in this journey. The new college students leave with feelings of wonder, anticipation and maybe a little fear. The returning students leave with mixed feelings that run from dread to excitement about the coming year. May God go with them and the Holy Spirit guide and bless all who are beginning a new year of studies.

Certainly, we cannot forget that, for the parents who are sending their children to college, there is a sadness in their hearts for their son or daughter who was there each day at home and will now be moving on to a new chapter in life. Every change brings mixed feelings to our lives, and yet we know that there can be no growth and maturity without changes. As our children begin the new school year, one way the Catholic Community of Holy Family assists and support parents and their school/college bound children is to pray for them and offer a special blessing to all our college bound young adults. For the parents, we want them to know of our prayers and support as well. According to Psalm 127:4, "Children are like arrows in the hands of a warrior." That means children are like arrows in that they should be pointed in the right direction. They should be polished and be told how precious they are. Children are not inconveniences or burdens. They are gifts from God.

As the **annual migration** of young adults to college and universities begins, we realize that this new chapter of college life brings forth all these challenges: living away from home for the first time, experiencing newfound independence, sharing housing with one or more people who aren't family members, studying hard and what it entails in making new friends! Consequently, concerns about their faith may rank low on their list of priorities. It is also a time when young Catholics need to consider how they will live out their faith on campus. How will they keep close to the sacraments? Where will they find a parish community: the chapel on their Catholic campus or the Newman Center at the state university? How can they stand firm in a place where values might run counter to their own? Never be afraid to be Catholics! Our Catholic values and morals make us who we are. They lead each of us to a purpose driven life. Learning about the traditions of our Catholic faith and how to make good moral choices all contribute to creating successful students and adults.

As our students begin the school year, let us entrust them to the hands of the Lord:

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit. For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector. Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm, Put our daughters and son in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace. Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Mass Intentions for the Week**Monday, September 6**

9:00am St. Joseph

+ **Gerald & Irene Kurtz**
by Elaine Kurtz Jeter**Tuesday, September 7**

8:15am St. Mary

+ **William Bennett**
by Doug Beecher**Wednesday, September 8**

9:00am St. Joseph

+ **Jim Wager**
by Karen Wager**Thursday, September 9**

8:15am St. Mary

+ **Tony Caito**
by Dave and Kathy Snyder**Friday, September 10**

8:15am St. Mary

+ **Special Intention**
by Ann Dunlop*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week*

Sacred Heart *In Memory of the Huette Women;*
Edna, Charlotte, Margaret,
Cecilia, Janet
by Helen and Paul Murphy

*Weekend Mass Celebrations*

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/
Mk 8:27-3**Saturday, September 11****St. Mary**

4:00 pm

Lector

Eucharistic Minister

Greeter

+ **Donna Hartman**

by Joy Snyder

Jim McMahon

Doug Beecher

Tom Fellion

Sunday, September 12**St. Joseph**

7:30 am

Lector

Eucharistic Minister

Greeter

+ **Beth Anne Schubmehl**

by Tom and Helen Didas

Ed Clark

Ed Clark

Pat Schubmehl

Sacred Heart

9:15 am

Lector

Eucharistic Minister

Greeter

+ **Bill Recktenwald**

by Family

Jan Roth

Pam Selbig

Doryce Ryan

St. Pius V

11:00am

Lector

Eucharistic Minister

Greeter

+ **Pro Populo**

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Readings for September 5, 2021

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

Second Reading:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised
to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

Gospel:

"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

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**Reflect and respond to this week's readings,
September 5, 2021****First Reading:**

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the importance of being strong
of heart when it comes the ways of God. Why do you think
this is such an important virtue?

Second Reading:

James encouraged believers to view the rich and poor from
God's perspective. Why do you think people struggle with
this divine point of view?

Gospel:

In today's reading, we hear how Jesus healed the deaf man
with a speech impediment at the request of the "people"
close to this man. Who do you know in your life who needs
healing from Jesus?

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PARISH OUTREACH FOR LOCAL NEEDS

One way our parish helps local families is through the
St. Vincent de Paul Society



◆ **PLEASE NOTE** - The parish office will be closed Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day.

NCYC - SAVE the DATES FOR NCYC 2021

Sunday, November 14, 2021 for the kick-off gathering local and in person at Parish of the Holy Family (Gates), 3:00 p.m., Doors Open at 2:00 p.m. with live music from Rock of Faith. Gathering concludes with Mass at 5:00 p.m.; and **Saturday November 20, 2021** for virtual participation in the live streaming event from Indianapolis.

◆ The next NCYC informational meeting will be Sunday, September 12 at 6:30 at the parish center in Perkinsville. The registration deadline for NCYC is October 1. There are different cost options available that will be discussed at the meeting, ranging from \$25-\$150 pp. If you are unable to attend the September 12 meeting please contact Kathy Finch at kfinch4@stny.rr.com or 585-314-1055.

FAITH FORMATION - Are you interested in Faith Formation for your child/children? Please fill out the form below.

Holy Family Catholic Community
Faith Formation Registration Form
2021-2022 School Year

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Family E-Mail
Address _____

Phone
number _____

Parent(s) Name(s)

Continued... "Back to school"

Always know that the Catholic Community of Holy Family is your home, and we will always love you as you, and you are part of our family. As a Catholic Community we have nurtured and strengthened your faith that God has entrusted to you. Be strong in faith! Avoid temptations! Make good decisions! Pray faithfully! Stay close to the Church and to the sacraments! Find a Church on your college campuses or near your next new destination in your life! You will always be welcomed here. You can always keep in touch in what is happening in our community via either our website or face book, or online bulletin. Godspeed as you enter college for the first time or return for another year of study toward your dream and goal in life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you! We look forward to the holidays and times in between when you will join us for Mass here at your Home Church!

God bless.
Fr. John

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY - Section III

Improvements - Section III improvements are being made around the statue of Mary. Please do not plant any flowers around the statue.

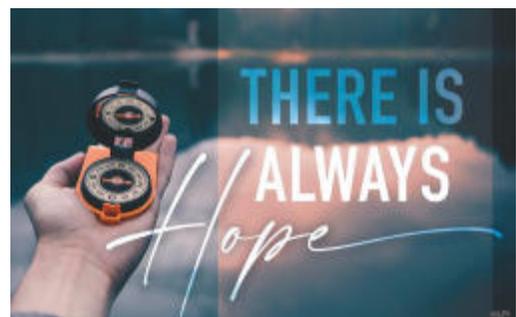
Please note: this section is designated for ground markers only. We've noticed that people have placed flowers, flags and statues in this area. We kindly ask that you remove these items by October 1, 2021.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Which of these is NOT a holy day of obligation?

- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Christmas
- Pentecost
- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Trivia August 29: Answer: c - 260





Mass Honoring First Responders on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

Please join Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, as, in gratitude, we pray to God for the safety of all First Responders who so selflessly serve our community, and for all who served with courage in the tragic events of September 11, 2001, especially those who gave their lives or were injured.

4:00 p.m. - Saturday, September 11, 2021
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Join us on Wednesday, September 15 for Notre Dame Retreat House's Day of Prayer, at 5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua

"Feeding the Spiritual Hungers"

Presented by: Rev. Robert Werth. Fr. Werth is a priest with- in the Diocese of Rochester for the last 42 years. He is currently serving as Parochial Vicar at Cabrini Rochester. He has a Master's in Scriptures and in Social Work and is also a Licensed Master Social Worker.

Conference 9:30am – 12:00pm followed by lunch, free time, confessions.

Day concludes with Mass at 2:00 p.m.

\$25 fee.

Register by calling 585-394-5700 or e-mail ndretreat@rochester.rr.com.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.

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Fr. Michael Twardzik - Senior Priest
Deacon Dan Slattery, Emeritus

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism: Call the office to set up an appointment with a priest at least 4 weeks ahead. Please contact the priest if special arrangements need to be made.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 - 3:45pm at St. Mary Church or by appointment with a priest.

Marriage: Call the office, to set up an appointment with a Priest, at least 6 months ahead, and to reserve the church and date.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the office or the Rectory.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish. We would like to get to know you and invite you to register. Registration forms are available in the Parish office and in each of the Churches.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry: Pre-kindergarten through Adult Formation. For more information call the Parish Office

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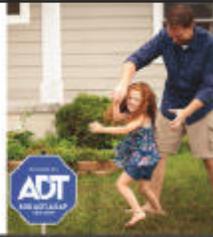


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